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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
VIA: D/DCI/NI *RB*
FROM: James R. Lilley
National Intelligence Officer for China
SUBJECT: Briefing of US Publishers

1. Action Requested: Request approval to brief Associated Press Board of Directors who are going to China in September this year.

2. Background: On 21 July Katherine Graham, publisher of The Washington Post, phoned me and asked me if I would be willing to brief her and the members of the Board of Directors of Associated Press who were going to China in September 1977 at the invitation of the Chinese authorities. Mrs. Graham said Joe Kraft the columnist had given her my name and recommended I brief her. Mike Oksenberg of the National Security Council will also be briefing the group. I told Mrs. Graham I would seek approval to brief her and would let her know.

3. If approved, I will focus the briefing on press, propaganda and media in China but will also cover the current political situation and give a general overview of social conditions. Mrs. Graham has asked for a briefing on the status of Chinese women. I will use only unclassified material.

4. Coordination: The NSC is aware of Mrs. Graham's request to me for a briefing and concurs. Mr. Hetu has been informed. If you approve, I will need DDI support in assembling briefing materials.

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5. Dealing with the press can be tricky and I could wind up being quoted or misquoted in the US press. On the other hand it is an opportunity to help an influential group whose good will is important to the intelligence community and CIA. The group includes the publishers of The Post, New York Times, Atlanta Constitution among others.

[Redacted]

James R. Lilley

cc: DDCI

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If Herb Keta has concurred; & with his approval believe I should meet with this august group for a bit - perhaps lunch -

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Charlottesville and Albemarle County Chamber of Commerce

August 2, 1977

Admiral Stansfield Turner
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

I have just spoken to your father about the possibility of your coming down to Charlottesville this Fall and speaking before a joint meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and the Navy League. He indicated to me that you had also been previously invited by the Student Legal Forum of the Law School. Since I have a foot in all three of these camps, I would like to extend an invitation to you to appear at a joint meeting at a date of your choice this Fall.

I was particularly intrigued with the recent 60 Minutes broadcast. Being a former naval officer, I have always been confident in our ability to obtain and evaluate intelligence. What intrigues me, however, is whether we have the lines of communication to disseminate that information to the decision makers. I believe the entire Charlottesville community would be interested in your response to this question.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Leigh B. Middleditch, Jr.

cc: Messrs. 

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2 August 1977

Mr. Robert Chandler
Vice President
Administrative Assistant to the President (News)
CBS News
524 West 57th Street
New York, New York 10019

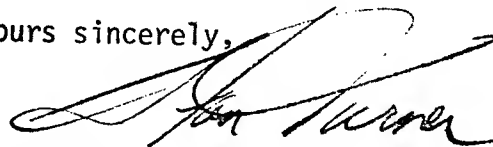
Dear Mr. Chandler:

Thank you for your efforts to have the "60 Minutes" segment on the CIA shown before the fall. Since CBS was the first television organization ever permitted inside the CIA, the arrangements for filming involved extraordinary preparation by a great many people. There was corresponding interest in seeing the final product.

We were not disappointed. The show was an honest and objective report which is all we ever hoped for. I must congratulate Dan Rather who is a first rate professional, David Buksbaum and all of the CBS crew who made what could have been a troublesome operation, to say the least, a painless and pleasant undertaking.

I am very grateful for your cooperation and hope you pass along my sincere appreciation and very best wishes to Dan, David and all the others who had a hand in putting the show together.

Yours sincerely,



STANSFIELD TURNER

Public Officer

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Stanfield Turner
HEAD OF CIA
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Mr. Turner,

I saw you today on 60 minutes and I have to say, I was very much impressed with you and the way you handled yourself. I like your openness, your straight-forwardness that you seem to be in control of everything. You talk like you know what you are doing, excellent. I would like to say, that my intention in life is to become a secret service agent. I hope only that I look as confident.

P. S.

Did you happen to know a [redacted] he is my french father, and he said you knew him.

Best Wishes
and Health,
Rick Almond

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